

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-87-W/S - ORDER NO. 2005-297
JUNE 6, 2005

IN RE: Application of CUC, Inc. for Approval of a)	ORDER GRANTING
New Schedule of Rates and Charges for)	REQUESTS FOR NIGHT
Water and Sewerage Service Provided to its)	HEARING
Customers at Callawassie Island and Spring)	
Island in Beaufort County, SC.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the requests for a night hearing to be scheduled in the present docket. On April 4, 2005, CUC, Inc. (“CUC”, “Company” or “Applicant”) filed an Application with the Commission requesting approval of a new schedule of rates and charges for the Company’s water and sewer services provided to CUC’s customers in Callawassie Island and Spring Island located in Beaufort County, South Carolina. Following public notice of CUC’s Application, three requests of CUC customers were received by the Commission on May 25, 2005, asking the Commission to schedule a night hearing with respect to CUC’s Application, specifically requesting that the night hearing be held at a location in Beaufort County, South Carolina.

Upon consideration of the requests, the Commission finds that based upon the expressed interest shown a night hearing in this docket should be scheduled and held in the Beaufort County area. A night hearing will allow interested customers of CUC to appear and present testimony and evidence relevant to CUC’s Application. The night

hearing shall be scheduled in addition to the public hearing scheduled in this matter for Thursday, September 8, 2005, to be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission's hearing room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina. The night hearing is being scheduled to provide a local forum for customers of CUC and other interested persons not already parties to the proceeding. Parties of record in this docket who have filed Petitions to Intervene and who seek to cross-examine witnesses of CUC will present their testimony and exhibits at the public hearing scheduled for September 8, 2005. Further, CUC will present the Company's witnesses and testimony and exhibits at the hearing scheduled to be held before the Commission in Columbia, South Carolina.

Upon consideration of the requests for night hearing, the Commission makes the following findings:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A hearing on the Applicant's request for an adjustment in rates and charges for the provision of water and sewer service is scheduled to be held in the Commission's hearing room located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina on Thursday, September 8, 2005, at 10:30 a.m.

2. The Applicant serves customers at Callawassie Island and Spring Island located in Beaufort County, South Carolina.

3. As evidenced by requests in this proceeding, the customers of the Applicant are interested in the proceedings concerning the Applicant's request for an adjustment in rates and charges.

4. A night hearing on the Application to be held in Beaufort County, South Carolina would provide a convenient forum for the customers of the Applicant to provide evidence related to the Application to the Commission.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the Commission concludes as follows:

CONCLUSIONS

1. Based upon customer interest in this proceeding, the Commission concludes that significant interest in the instant docket has been exhibited by customers who could be affected by the pending rate case Application.

2. The Commission concludes that a night hearing held in Beaufort County, South Carolina would allow interested customers to appear before the Commission to present evidence concerning the pending rate case Application.

3. The Commission concludes that a night hearing in Beaufort County, South Carolina would serve the public interest as such a night hearing would provide the customers affected by the rate Application a convenient forum in terms of location and time to appear before the Commission to present evidence related to the pending rate case Application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. A night hearing in the pending rate case Application filed by CUC, Inc. shall be held in Beaufort County, South Carolina.

2. The Commission Staff is directed to find a suitable location and date for the night hearing and shall provide notice of the night hearing to the parties in this docket and to the customers affected by the Application.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/
Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/
G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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